

Motion to make the Transportation Investment Strategy part of Arizona's Long Range Statewide Transportation Plan

Motion:

“Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §28-506, I move that the Board adopt the Transportation Investment Strategy presented today as part of Arizona's Long Range Statewide Transportation Plan.”

Explanation:

“Mr. Chairman, Arizona Revised Statute §28-506, requires the Department of Transportation to develop a long range statewide transportation plan. The plan must identify critical statewide system needs and include estimates of projects that can be constructed under existing funding sources and of projects that would be constructed if additional funding becomes available.”

Resolution of the Arizona State Transportation Board Supporting the Statewide Transportation Investment Strategy

WHEREAS, Arizona is facing a transportation crisis that threatens our economy and the prosperity of all Arizonans; and,

WHEREAS, too many Arizonans are stuck on congested roads instead of home with their families and friends; and,

WHEREAS, Arizonans are demanding transportation alternatives for travel to work, school, health care and recreational sites; and,

WHEREAS, cities, towns, and counties lack sufficient resources to connect with state transportation facilities to create a seamless transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, vital transportation routes across Native American lands need expansion and repair; and,

WHEREAS, Arizona's natural environmental resources are critical assets to be protected, all transportation improvements in the Statewide Investment Strategy will be designed in a context sensitive manner that will preserve our environmental resources; and,

WHEREAS, the preservation of open space, critical habitat and scenic resources related to key transportation corridor improvements are important to Arizona's economic vitality and tourism value; and,

WHEREAS, public transit including bus, rail and elderly and transportation services are essential to future mobility needs for Arizonans; and,

WHEREAS, we all benefit from safer transportation options; and,

WHEREAS, the Statewide Investment Strategy was developed collaboratively with input from the public, key stakeholders, and planners at the city, town, county, and tribal level.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Arizona State Transportation Board:

That the State Transportation Board supports implementation of the Statewide Investment Strategy in order to reduce congestion, improve safety, create and sustain new jobs, promote the economy, enhance the connectivity of our transportation system with cities, towns, counties and tribes, provide multimodal transportation options, and protect Arizona's natural beauty.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Arizona State Transportation Board on this 19th day of June 2008.

Attest:

Si Schorr, Chairman
Arizona State Transportation Board

Victor M. Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation